

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (the changes in these claims are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims with proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (1) for a medical tubing (2), said connecting piece comprising a first unit (3) and a second unit (4),

said first unit (3) comprising a first connecting element (5) for a tubing element (6) and a second connecting element (7) for the second unit (4), said second connecting element comprising a tubular female part (8) for engagement with the second unit (4) and first sealing elements (9), and

said second unit (4) comprising a tubular male part (10) with a collar (11) including a continuously extending delimiting edge defining a face on said male part, a connecting line between any two points along said delimiting edge in a peripheral direction of the male part being less than 90° in relation to an axial extension of said male part and said female part, and second sealing elements (12) for cooperating with the first sealing elements (9),

said first unit (3) and second unit (4) comprising respective separator elements (13), ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ the first sealing elements (9) and the second sealing elements (12) are configured for being mutually lockingly engageable by moving the male part (10) and the female part (8) axially towards each other, said mutual locking engagement ~~for~~ establishing a ~~locking device (14), by which the first unit (3) and the second unit (4) are kept together;~~

~~that the separator elements (13) comprise~~ comprising a faces that are arranged on the female part (8) and a face arranged on the male part (10), said faces being in abutment against each other when the first unit (3) and the second unit (4) are kept together ~~by means of the locking device (14)~~ said lock,

~~said faces being such arranged in the direction of the peripheries of the male part and the female part, respectively,~~ that by a turning of the first unit (3) in relation to the second unit (4) an axially extending positive force component is provided for by said face on said male part riding on said face on said female part, said positive force component forcing ~~causing~~ the sealing elements to leave their mutual

engagement by axial displacement of said first and said second unit from each other;
and

that the separator elements (13) and the locking device (14) are being arranged in relation to said sealing elements such that said separator elements ~~such that they~~ are at an axial distance from ~~each other~~ said lock when the first unit (3) and the second unit (4) are kept together by the locking device (14) said lock.

2. Cancelled.

3. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 1, **characterized** ~~in that~~ wherein the delimiting edge of the collar provides at least two tongues (16), ~~said delimiting edge and~~ being congruent with ~~the~~ a delimiting edge (17) of defining the face on the female part.

4. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 1, **characterized** ~~in that~~ wherein the delimiting edge of the collar follows the shape of a wave and has having a uniform distance between ~~the wave crests (18) of the wave~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 1, ~~characterized~~ ~~in that~~ wherein the first sealing elements (9) comprise an annularly extending bead (19) arranged on the an inner face of the female part; and ~~that~~ the second sealing elements (12) comprise an annular recess (20) arranged on the an outer face of the male part, and which also provide the locking device (14).

6. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to ~~any~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first sealing elements comprise an annular recess (21), the including delimiting side faces (22) ~~of which are being~~ essentially axially parallel with the a centre axis of the female part; and ~~that~~ the second sealing elements (12) comprise an annular flange (23) for providing the a second delimiting edge (24) of the male part.

7. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 6, characterized ~~in that the~~ wherein delimiting side faces (25) of the annular flange of the male part extend taperingly in relation to ~~the~~ a central axis of the annular flange (23) and converge towards the second delimiting edge (26) of the flange the male part.

8. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 6, characterized ~~in that the~~ wherein a medially arranged side face for the annular recess of the first sealing elements (9) comprises a beveling (29), said beveling facing laterally.

9. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 7, **characterized in that one** wherein a face (27) of the an annular bead of the female part extends taperingly and converges in a direction towards the annular recess (28).

10. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first connecting unit comprises a valve (30).

11. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve (30) comprises a housing having a displacer means (31) which is displaceable within the housing and perpendicular to the central axis of the first connecting unit, being intended for regulating the passage of liquid in the first connecting unit.

12. (Currently Amended) A connecting piece (4) according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the displacer means comprises stops (32) mounted at each end of the displacer means.

13. Cancelled.